

# Delegate & Guest Registration Information



## North Star NACE 2011 Guiding with Vision

**NACE 2011 Annual Meeting *and*  
Management & Technical Conference**

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Hosted by the Minnesota County Engineers Association  
April 17 - 21, 2011



## NACE 2011 Annual Conference

Each spring over 350 NACE members and other attendees gather for the NACE annual conference. The NACE 2011 Annual Meeting and Management & Technical Conference, "North Star NACE 2011, Guiding with Vision" will be hosted by the Minnesota County Engineers Association in Minneapolis, Minnesota from April 17-21, 2011.



### Networking:

It's a cliché that still holds true today - getting to know your colleagues is one of the prime reasons for attending the NACE conference. Throughout the conference, attendees will have many opportunities to meet road and bridge professionals and their counterparts from other counties around the country, to exchange ideas and have some fun. From technical sessions to receptions to just walking down the hallway, you can meet

and build professional contacts. Longtime NACE attendees know it's a great way to visit with friends, old and new.



### General Session & Technical Sessions:

By attending timely and informative sessions and workshops delegates find ideas that help them get the most benefit out of scarce local government resources. Also you will gain a better understanding of the latest transportation legislation and regulations. An additional educational value is that you can earn professional development hours (PDH) for attending the NACE conference.

### Exhibit Show:

During the first two days of the conference, on Sunday and Monday, the exhibit show offers a friendly environment for delegates to learn about the latest products and services. This year's show will feature over 100 exhibit booths and equipment. The

exhibit vendor listing will be updated on the NACE website so that you can see ahead of time.

### Hot Topics Roundtable Luncheon:

Need a different perspective on an issue your dealing with? This luncheon is your answer to get insights and to share your knowledge on issues of interest to you. Included during the

conference, it's a fresh take on committee meetings to foster discussions on a wide range of "hot topics" including safety, traffic, construction and maintenance, information technology, GIS surveying, structures, stormwater and drainage, asset management and more.



### Annual Banquet:

The grand finale of the conference is the President's Reception and Annual Banquet dinner which includes the presentation of Urban and Rural Engineer of the Year and Project/Program Manager of the Year awards and the induction of the new NACE officers - and of course a delicious dinner.

### Just For You:

Finally, the local hospitality and tours top off your reasons to attend. The NACE Conference is the only conference designed just for you because it's planned and hosted by your peers, NACE member volunteers.

### Optional Conference Events:

- Curling Outing Saturday, April 16, 2011

Separate sign-up/fees required, contact NACE

or visit: [www.countyengineers.org](http://www.countyengineers.org)



### Why Attend NACE 2011?

- Earn Professional Development Hours (PDH)
- Learn new ideas for better use of county resources
- Hear the latest on transportation reauthorization
- Meet with exhibitors and get new product information
- Network with 350+ fellow professionals

### NACE 2011 General Sessions:

- Transportation Funding Future (Mon)
- Magic of Leadership - Workplace Generational Changes (Wed)

### NACE 2011 Technical Session Topics:

#### Monday, April 18, 2011:

- Track 1 - Best Practices of Traffic Sign Maintenance
- Track 2 - Pav Pres./New Bit. Paving/White Topping Overlays
- Track 3 - Rural-Low Cost ITS Applications
- Track 4 - Complete Streets/Context Sensitive Design
- Track 1 - Gravel Road Design & Maintenance
- Track 2 - Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil Bridge Systems
- Track 3 - Forgiving Roadways-Barrier Systems
- Track 4 - Green Technology in Pavement Preservation

#### Tuesday, April 19, 2011:

- Track 1 - Leadership - Growing Your Own Talent
- Track 2 - Effective Lobbying Techniques
- Track 3 - FHWA Every Day Counts/Fed-Aid Streamlining
- Track 1 - Working Together on Tribal Issues
- Track 2 - Going Green - Public Works Building/Regulations
- Track 3 - Short Span Steel Bridges
- Optional Tours (separate sign-up): 3M Innovation Center; Cat/Ziegler Paving Facility; SAFL Hydraulics Lab; Target Field Tour

#### Wednesday, April 20, 2011:

- Track 1 - Toward Zero Death Initiative
- Track 2 - Roundabouts - Maint., Large Vehicles, Design
- Track 3 - Tow Plow & Other Creative Plowing Technology
- Track 1 - Rural Road Safety Showcase
- Track 2 - Back to Gravel Roads
- Track 3 - 10 Commandments of Working w/ County Board

### Guest (Spouse) Schedule Highlights:

- **Monday:** Welcome and tour Mill City Museum with lunch.
  - **Tuesday:** In-hotel "Wired Ladies" pins/bracelets; then join delegates for luncheon; afternoon on your own (optional tours). Evening conference-wide event at Science Museum of Minnesota with dinner and band/dancing.
  - **Wednesday:** Enjoy shopping at the General Store and then lunch and show at the Old Log Theater.
  - Also attend with delegates exhibit show receptions and annual banquet. Enjoy friendship and fun in Minneapolis!
- Registered guests will be sent information brochure prior to the conference.

### NACE 2011 Schedule

Saturday, April 16, 2011

Optional: Curling Outing (separate registration & fees)

#### Sunday, April 17, 2011

Breakfast On Your Own  
8 AM-6 PM Conference Registration  
8 AM-3 PM Exhibitor Setup of Booths - Conv. Ctr.  
8 AM-9:30 AM Executive Advisory Committee Mtg  
10 AM-11:30 AM Admin. Committee Meetings  
12:30 PM-3:30 PM Board of Directors Mtg - Conv. Ctr.  
4 PM- Exhibit Show Grand Opening - Conv. Ctr.  
4:30 PM-6:30 PM Exhibit Show Welcome Reception  
6:30 PM-12 Midnight NACE Hospitality (Hotel)  
7 PM-10 PM NACE Former Leaders Dinner

#### Monday, April 18, 2011

*The following Monday events will be held in the Minneapolis Convention Center unless noted.*

Breakfast On Your Own  
8 AM-5 PM Conference Registration  
8:30 AM-9:30 AM Opening Ceremony  
9:30 AM-10:30 AM Refreshment Break - Exhibit Hall  
10:30 AM-12 PM General Session (Legislation)  
11:30 AM-1:30 PM Exhibit Show Open  
12 PM-1 PM Box Lunch in Exhibit Hall  
1 PM-2:15 PM 4 Concurrent Technical Sessions  
2:15 PM-3:15 PM Refreshment Break - Exhibit Hall  
3:15 PM-4:30 PM 3 Concurrent Technical Sessions  
3:30 PM-4:30 PM NACE Corporate Member Reception  
4:30 PM-6 PM Exhibit Show Reception & Grand Prize  
6 PM-12 Midnight NACE Hospitality (Hotel)

#### Tuesday, April 19, 2011

7 AM-8:30 AM Delegate Breakfast  
8 AM-2 PM Conference Registration  
8:30 AM-10 AM 3 Concurrent Technical Sessions  
10 AM-10:30 AM Coffee Break  
10:30 AM-12 PM 3 Concurrent Technical Sessions  
12 PM-1:15 PM Delegates & Guest Luncheon  
1:30 PM-4:15 PM Optional Tours (sign-up)  
5:15 PM-11 PM Event at Science Museum of Minnesota (w/ dinner/band/dancing) sponsored by 3M.

#### Wednesday, April 20, 2011

7 AM-8:30 AM Breakfast On Your Own  
7 AM-8 AM Snap-E-Tom Reception  
8:30 AM-3:30 PM Conference Registration  
8:30 AM-10 AM 3 Concurrent Technical Sessions  
10 AM-10:30 AM Coffee Break  
10:30 AM-12 PM Annual Business Meeting  
12 PM-1:30 PM Del. Lunch & Hot Topics/Tech Cmtes  
1:30 PM-3 PM 3 Concurrent Technical Sessions  
3 PM-3:30 PM Refreshment Break  
3:30 PM-5 PM 3 Concurrent Technical Sessions  
3:30 PM-5 PM NACE 2012 Committee Meeting  
6 PM-7 PM President's Reception  
7 PM-9:30 PM Annual Banquet  
9:30 PM-12 Midnight NACE Hospitality

#### Thursday, April 21, 2011

8 AM-9:30 AM Board of Directors Breakfast & Mtg  
9:30 AM-10 AM Executive Advisory Committee Mtg  
*The information contained in this NACE 2011 Delegate & Guest brochure is preliminary and subject to change. Please consult the conference program and addendum on-site at registration for final conference schedule. For additional information see the monthly NACE News, NACE web site or contact NACE.*

**NACE 2011 information and on-line registration:** [www.countyengineers.org](http://www.countyengineers.org)